



Call for Grants Panelists Spring 2021 Grants Panels for Funding in 2021-2022

Advisory panels of the Virginia Commission for the Arts make recommendations and give guidance that will affect the future of the arts in the Commonwealth. Panelists are appointed for a one-year term, and may be reappointed twice to serve a maximum of three years. The quality and integrity of the Commission's decision-making depends upon the individual contributions of time, thought, and energy of these panelists, whose service is a way to ensure that the needs of each community are represented on the state level.

Spring panels will take place in April and May, 2021, from approximately 10 AM – 4 PM, and panelists must be available to meet for the duration of those hours, (as assigned). Statewide panelists are needed in the following grant categories:

- Project Grants (April 2021)
- Artists in Education Grants/Teaching Artist Roster (May 2021)

Each panel consists of seven to nine members appointed by the Commission. Panelists are selected for their expertise in the arts, their ability to work well in a group, and exhibit sensitivity in constructive critical review, and their willingness to commit time and energy to a comprehensive review process. Panelists must be able to attend a public "virtual" one- to two-day public panel meeting and have access to a computer with an internet connection to participate. If this is not possible, alternate methods for participation can be made available. Nominees must be at least 18 years of age and reside in Virginia. Panelists are paid an honorarium of \$75.00 for their service.

To ensure each panel represents diversity in a variety of areas, the Commission considers the following factors when coordinating a panel:

- *Representation that embodies the principles of the agency's [Statement on Cultural Equity](#). VCA encourages panelist applications from historically-resilient communities, including but not limited to communities comprising Black, Indigenous, and people of color, as well as people with disabilities.
- * Geographic distribution representing all regions of Virginia including urban, suburban, and rural areas.
- *Artistic disciplines and sub-disciplines.
- *A variety of roles including board members, administrators, artistic directors, arts educators and education specialists, community leaders, individual artists and others.
- * Expertise in financial and organizational management of nonprofits, including volunteer and board service, and leadership and management of nonprofit arts and cultural institutions.

How to Nominate a Grant Panelist

If you are interested in serving as a VCA grant panelist or would like to nominate someone, please send your nomination including the name, address, telephone number, email, and a **brief resume** with a short description of the nominee's background in the arts to Executive Director Janet.Starke@vca.virginia.gov. For more information visit http://www.arts.virginia.gov/about_advisory_nominations.html or call the VCA's office at (804) 225-3132.